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1. FANTASTIC VOYAGE (105 MINUTES, COLOR) STARRING STEPHEN BOYD;
RAQUEL WELCH; ARTHUR KENNEDY; EDMUND O'BIREN, DONALD PLEASENCE.
A FAMOUS SCIENTIST IS SO SEVERLY WOUNDED THAT SURGERY IS
IMPOSSIBLE. COMBINED MINATURE DETERRENT FORCES (CMDF) IS CALLED
ON TO SHRINK MEN AND EQUIPMENT TO MICROBE SIZE SO THEY CAN WORK
FROM INSIDE SCIENTISTS'S BRAIN TO REPAIR THE INJURY. A NEW ATOMIC
SUB IS SHRUNK AS ARE ITS FIVE PASSENGERS AND INJECTED INTO
BLOODSTREAM, WORKING ITS WAY TO BRAIN WITH A TIME LIMIT OF
SIXTY MINUTES. BEFORE DAMAGE TO BRAIN IS CORRECTED WITH A LASER
BEAM, SUSPENSE IS HEIGHTENED WHEN IT IS LEARNED THAT ONE OF THE
VOYAGERS IS A TRATOR ASSIGNED TO SABOTAGE THE MISSION. WITH JUST
SIXTY SECONDS LEFT, PASSANGERS HIT UPON A DARING PLAN TO EMERGE
-- VIA A TEAR DUCT. VISUAL EFFECTS ARE STARTLING. THE
TECHNICOLOR WIZARDRY IS A BRILLIANT PROJECTION IN THIS
SCIENCE FICTION FILM OF THE INNER MAN. FILM DIRECTRED BY RICHARD
FLEISCHER.

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2 FORBIDDEN PLANET (98 MINUTES, COLOR) STARS WALTER PIDGEON; ANNE FRANCIS; LESLIE NIELSEN. A SPACESHIP LANDS ON PLANET ALTAIR-4 IN SEARCH OF A PARTY OF EARTHLINGS WHO DISAPPEARED THERE MANY YEARS BEFORE. THEY MEET A SURVIVING SCIENTIST AND HIS LOVELY DAUGHTER, WHO ARE SERVED BY A REMARKABLE ROBOT NAMED "ROBBIE". A VANISHED RACE HAD LIVED ON ALTAIR-4 THOUSANDS OF YEARS EARLIER, BUT HAD MYSTERIOUSLY BEEN WIPED OUT. AS THE GROUP PONDERES THE CAUSES, AN UNKNOWN FORCE ALMOST ANNIHILATES THEM. OF SPECIAL INTEREST IS ELECTRONIC MUSIC USED TO HEIGHTEN THE EERIE SUSPENSUL MOOD OF THE FILM DIRECTED BY FRED WILCOX.

3. THE THING (87 MINUTES, B/W) STARS MARGARET SHERIDAN; JAMES ANRESS; KENNETH TOBY, FILM PRODUCED BY HOWARD HAWKS. A FEROCIOUS VEGETABLE CAPABLE OF MULTIPLYING A HUNDERFOLD IN A MATTER OF HOURS IS DISCOVERED AT THE NORTH POLE. LIVING ON A DIET OF HUMAN BLOOD, THE CREATURE POSES A THREAT TO THE U.S. AIR FORCE RESEARCH TEAM WHO SET OUT TO DESTROY IT.

4. MAROONED (134 MINUTES, COLOR) STARS GREGORY PECK; RICHARD CRENNNA; DAVID JANSSEN; GENE HACKMAN; JAMES FRANCISCUS; LEE GRANT. OSCAR-WINNING SPECIAL EFFECTS AND NERVE-TINGLING TENSION HIGHLIGHT THIS TIMELY OUTER-SPACE DRAMA, PERFECT ENTERTAINMENT FOR AUDIENCES OF ALL AGES. THREE ASTRONAUTS ARE STRANDED IN SPACE WHEN THEIR SHIP MISFIRES DURING RE-ENTRY. THE WORLD HOLDS ITS BREATH AS THE CHIEF OF THE SPACE PROGRAM FORMULATES A DESPERATE PLAN TO RESCUE THE ASTRONAUTS WITHIN A CRITICALLY BRIEF TIME PERIOD.

5. SILENT RUNNINE (90 MINUTES, COLOR) STARS BRUCE DERN; CLIFF POTTS; RON RIFKIN; JESSE VINT. IT IS A STORY OF MAN'S RELATIONSHIP WITH MACHINES, WITH NATURE AND WITH HIMSELF IN THE FACE OF TOTAL ISOLATION. A BOTANIST HAS SPENT EIGHT YEARS ABOARD THE SPACE FREIGHTER, "VALLEY FORGE", PARTICIPATING IN A PROGRAM TO PRESERVE THE ONLY BOTANICAL SPECIMENS EXTANT FROM EARTH, WHERE ALL VEGETATION HAS DIED. HIS HOPE IS THAT THE FORESTS, PROTECTED UNDER HUGE GEODESIC DOMES, WILL SURVIVE UNTIL EARTH'S ENVIRONMENT CAN SUPPORT RFOLIATION. APATHY OF THE THREE YOUNGER ASTRONAUTS WHO ARE ASSIGNED TO HELP HIM, REFLECTS THE PREVALENT ATTITUDE ON EARTH TOWARD THE PROGRAM. WHEN ORDERS ARE RECEIVED THAT THE PROJECT HAS BEEN TERMINATED, THE FORESTS ARE TO BE EXPLODED AND UNCLASSIFIED

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THE MEN RETURNED TO EARTH, THE BOTANIST TRIES TO SAVE THE FOREST BY PIRATING THE "VALLEY FORGE". HIS ACTION KILLS THE THREE COMPANIONS AND PLUMMETS THE FREIGHTER INTO THE GASEOUS RINGS OF SATURN. THE BOTANIST IS INJURED BUT SURVIVES WITH TWO ROBOTS TO CONTINUE HIS MISSION. FINALLY, AFTER STRUGGLING WITH LONELINESS, A RADIO VOICE REACHES HIM. HE KNOWS THAT HIS MUTINY WILL BE DISCOVERED BUT THE FELLING OF DOOM IS OFFSET BY THE REALIZATION THAT THE FOREST CAN BE SAVED.

6 WAR OF THE WORLDS (85 MINUTES, COLOR) STARS GENE BARRY; ANN ROBINSON; LEE TREMAYNE. BASED ON A NOVEL BY H.G. WELLS, THIS IS A STORY OF THE INVASION OF THE EARTH BY MEN FROM MARS. SUSPENSE BUILDS UP AND IS RETAINED WHEN THE WORLD'S GREATEST SCIENTIFIC MINDS CANNOT FIND A WAY TO RID THEMSELVES OF THE ENEMY. JUST WHEN ALL HAS FAILED AND IT SEEMS THAT THE EARTH IS DOOMED, AN UNEXPECTED TURN OF EVENTS KILLS OFF THE ENEMY AND THE WORLD IS SAVED.
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